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SUBJECT: SPAULIL SNCK SPECULATION REGARDING CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON  
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

1. TODAY'S MADRID PRESS BRINGS THE LATEST OF SEVERAL INTERPRETIVE STORIES SPECULATING ABOUT THE REPORT "UNITED STATES MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN," PREPARED BY THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS LATEST REPORT BY "ARRIVA" AND PYRESA WIRE SERVICE CORRESPONDENT ANTONIO PARRA FROM NEW YORK SUGGESTS THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN IN WASHINGTON TO CLOSING ALL MAJOR US MILITARY FACILITIES IN SPAIN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ROTA, THAT THE PROCESS MAY ALREADY HAVE BEGUN, AND THAT THE FUTURE OF ROTA MAY FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE COMING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SUAREZ. THE AFTERNOON DAILY "PUEBLO" CARRIES PART OF THIS SAME REPORT UNDER A BOLD HEADLINE: "THE YANKEES ARE LEAVING."

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2. THIS REPORT, LIKE A FEW EARLIER ONES, SEEMS LARGEMLY TO RESIDE IN THE MIND OF THE REPORTER. HOWEVER, IN AN EFFORT TO CUT OFF FURTHER SUCH SPECULATION HERE IN MADRID, THE EMBASSY IS RESPONDING TO QUERIES ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: WITH RESPECT TO THE STORY IN THE APR 19 EDITION OF "ARRIBA," SUGGESTING THE POSSIBILITY OF EARLY CLOSING OF US MILITARY FACILITIES AT SPANISH BASES, THE

CONGRESSIONAL REPORT REFERRED TO IN THIS ACCOUNT IS ONE ENTITLED,  
"UNITED STATES MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE MED-  
ITERRANEAN" DATED MARCH 27, 1977, WHICH WAS PREPARED BY THE FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH  
SERVICE OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS. IT IS EXPRESSLY STATED IN THE FOREWORD OF THIS  
REPORT THAT THE FINDINGS ARE THOSE OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
NATIONAL DEFENSE DIVISION AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE  
VIEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS. MOREOVER, THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS REPORT WHICH  
RECOMMENDS OR SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO CLOSING  
US MILITARY FACILITIES IN SPAIN, WHICH ARE PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE  
TERMS OF THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH ENTERED  
INTO FORCE ON SEPT 21, 1976, FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS, WITH  
SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL 5 YEAR PERIOD  
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